

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL LPG DISTRIBUTORSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started the rural LPG distributorship scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the places where this scheme has been started, State-wise and area-wise; and
- (d) the details of the basis for allocation of LPG distributorship and the norms thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitruk Yojana" (RGGLVY) scheme which primarily aims at providing LPG to the rural house-holds, including BPL families has been launched on 16-10-2009. Salient features of the scheme are:-

- (i) The LPG agencies under the RGGLVY will be of small size requiring lesser finance/ infrastructure.
- (ii) The distributor himself will manage the agency with the help of his/her family member and one or two employees.
- (iii) Age limit for the distributor to be between 21 and 45 years.
- (iv) Distributor under the scheme will have to be a permanent resident of the village(s) covered by particular location.
- (v) All agencies under this scheme to be in the joint name of husband and wife. In case of applicants who are single the 'spouse' will automatically become a partner after the marriage
- (vi) Reservation for SC/ST categories has also been provided for.
- (vii) The selection of the distributor would be by draw of lots from amongst all candidates who have secured more than 80% marks on the criteria of financial capability and education qualifications.

Advertisements inviting applications for distributors under the scheme have been released in 13 States, as per details given below:

Name of States	Number of locations
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Andhra Pradesh	331
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Bihar	251
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Chhatisgarh	39
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Jharkhand	80
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Karnataka	48
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Madhya Pradesh	97
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Maharashtra	253
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Odisha	101
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Puducherry	1
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Rajasthan	192
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Tamil Nadu 130

Uttar Pradesh 331

West Bengal 175

The setting up of LPG distributors under this scheme will now be a continuous process till all parts of the country deficient in LPG were covered by LPG network.